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Couple Sentenced in Pacific Palisades Hit-and-Run Death Case

A postal worker and her husband were sentenced today for their role in the hit-and-run death of a pedestrian in Pacific Palisades, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Marna Miller said Marguerite Dao Vuong, 67, was sentenced to three years in state prison.

Marguerite Vuong pleaded no contest on Feb. 6 to one count of leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death in case SA087516. Michael Vuong, 67, also pleaded no contest on Feb. 6 to one count of accessory after the fact to the hit-and-run causing death in the same case.

He was sentenced today to one year in county jail and three years formal probation.

The victim, David Pregerson, 23, was walking on Chautauqua Boulevard in Pacific Palisades on Dec. 27, 2013, when he was hit by Marguerite Vuong on her way to work, the prosecutor said.

The case went unsolved for several months until police identified a possible vehicle of interest in the case. A subsequent tip from the public led investigators to Marguerite Vuong's vehicle, the prosecutor added.

When questioned by police, Michael Vuong tried to help his wife avoid prosecution by claiming he was the driver, according to court testimony. The vehicle also had been repaired in an effort to conceal any trace of the crime, according to evidence presented at the preliminary hearing.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Olympic Station.

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